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In re Application of:)	
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Erik Leonard Hoffman)	Examiner: David C. Comstock
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Serial No.: 10/037,318)	Art Unit: 3732
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Filed: November 7, 2001)	
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Title: FASTENING ELEMENT FOR AN)	
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the final Office Action mailed April 27, 2004. Kindly amend the above-referenced application as follows.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the claim listing, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 13 of this paper.

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